

Synopsis of legislation

Appendix 2

Synopsis of legislation of the Second Session of the 30th Parliament, October 12, 1976 to October 12, 1977, passed in the 25th and 26th years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In summarizing this material it is not possible to convey the full content of the legislation. For further details the reader should refer to the *Statutes of Canada, 1976-77*. The date of royal assent follows each chapter number; private members' bills are not assigned chapter numbers until the end of each session.

Chapter 1 (October 22, 1976) *Port of Halifax Operations Act* provides for the resumption and continuation of longshoring and related operations at the port of Halifax.

Chapter 2 (December 15, 1976) *Appropriation Act No. 5, 1976* grants certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1977.

Chapter 3 (December 22, 1976) *Government Expenditures Restraint Act* amends certain sections of the Adult Occupational Training Act, Family Allowances Act, 1973, Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act, Western Grain Stabilization Act, and repeals the legislation which provided for Information Canada and the Company of Young Canadians.

Chapter 4 (February 24, 1977) *An Act to amend the statute law relating to income tax.*

Chapter 5 (February 24, 1977) *An Act to amend the Customs Tariff* specifies changes in the rates of duty set for certain items imported into Canada, implementing a ways and means motion tabled by the finance minister on October 13, 1976.

Chapter 6 (February 24, 1977) *An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act* provides for excise taxes to be paid on certain items by licensed wholesalers, jobbers or other dealers, payable when the goods are delivered to a purchaser or retained by the wholesaler for rental or his own use. The act extends the list of items exempt from sales tax, and includes energy conservation equipment such as heat pumps, solar cells for charging batteries, solar collectors for heating, thermal insulation materials, storm doors and windows and timer-controlled thermostats.

Chapter 7 (March 29, 1977) *Appropriation Act No. 1, 1977* grants certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1977.

Chapter 8 (March 29, 1977) *Appropriation Act No. 2, 1977* grants certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1978.

Chapter 9 (March 29, 1977) *An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act* provides for payment of partial Old Age Security pensions to persons 65 or over who cannot qualify for full pensions but who have lived in Canada for at least 10 years since the age of 18; applicants must be Canadian citizens or legally in Canada under the Immigration Act. The act also provides for drawing up reciprocal arrangements between Canada and other countries to make social security benefits portable.

Chapter 10 (March 31, 1977) *Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act 1977* provides for certain fiscal payments to provinces for financing established programs in post-secondary education, hospital insurance, medical care and extended care health services; for income tax collection agreements; and for guarantee of payment of income tax revenue to provinces despite changes effected by any amendment to the Income Tax Act.

Chapter 11 (May 12, 1977) *An Act to provide for the consideration of certain unemployment insurance entitlements.*

Chapter 12 (May 12, 1977) *Advance Payments for Crops Act* facilitates making advance payments for crops up to a maximum of \$15,000 for one producer in any crop year, for a crop that he has actually produced; the advance is to be repaid when the crop is marketed.

Chapter 13 (May 12, 1977) *An Act to amend the Pension Act* provides for changes in the constitution of the Pension Review Board.